

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

THOMAS C. BLANDINO
License #12399

TO PRACTICE ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed electrical contractor in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. The Board received a complaint dated October 31, 2005, alleging that respondent contracted to perform electrical work at 414 Atlantic Street in Bridgeton, New Jersey in January of 2005, but that the work failed inspection and was never corrected by respondent.
3. On December 23, 2005, the Board wrote to respondent by certified and regular mail at respondent's address of record, asking respondent inter alia for

documentation relating to the complaint, including copies of the contract, as well as permitting and inspection documentation, and for a written explanation of his conduct. Certified mail was returned unclaimed. Regular mail was not returned. No response was received.

4. On February 7, 2006, the Board wrote to respondent again at respondent's address of record, reminding respondent of his duty as a licensee to cooperate with Board investigations, and asking respondent to furnish the requested documentation and explanation within ten days. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to reply to two Board communications requesting information and documentation constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2,-1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline provisionally suspending respondent's license to practice in the State of New Jersey, and assessing a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 was entered on April 5, 2006 and a copy was forwarded to respondent at the last known address on file with the Board.

In response to the Provisional Order, respondent's attorney submitted a written correspondence dated October 2, 2006, for the Board's review. This correspondence provided proof of final inspection approval, proof of payment of \$350.00 restitution to

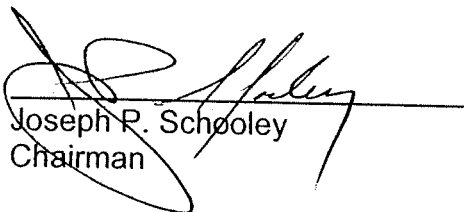
the consumer complainant, and a copy of a letter from the consumer indicating his satisfaction with the resolution of the complaint. However, respondent has not provided adequate justification for his failure to respond to the Board's several requests for information. Therefore, the civil penalty assessed against respondent in the total amount of \$2,000 will be reduced to \$750 and the suspension of his license shall not be imposed.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of March 2008 JPS

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$750 for his violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS


Joseph P. Schooley
Chairman